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SUBJECT: UNCTAD - COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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1. GROUP B REVIEWED BRIEFING MATERIAL PRESENTED BY  
FUENTES-MOHR AND PRELIMINARY REACTION WAS ONE OF DISMAY  
AT AMBITIOUSNESS OF SECRETARIAT PROPOSALS AND ANGER AT  
SECRETARIAT'S CAVALIER ATTITUDE TOWARDS PRESENTATION OF  
ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION IN ADVANCE OF MEETING. SEVERAL  
DELEGATES, LEAD BY FRG, SOUGHT TO GET GROUP B AGREEMENT  
TO INSIST ON POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING UNTIL SUFFICIENT TIME  
TO REVIEW FULL DOCUMENTATION, COMBINED WITH THREAT TO  
BOYCOTT MEETING IF AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE OBTAINED TO  
POSTPONEMENT. SOME OTHER DELEGATIONS BELIEVED THAT POST-  
PONEMENT NOT ACHIEVABLE, THEREFORE GROUP B SHOULD SEEK TO  
LIMIT SUBJECT MATTER OF MEETING TO CONTINUATION OF DIS-  
CUSSION TERMS OF REFERENCES OF COMMITTEE AND ADOPTION OF  
RULES OF PROCEDURE, DEFERRING DISCUSSION OF WORK PROGRAM  
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TO A SUBSEQUENT RESUMED SESSION. MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED  
BY GROUP B AGAIN MONDAY, JANUARY 24, WITH LIKELIHOOD  
GROUP WILL FORMALLY INSTRUCT GROUP COORDINATOR TO  
MAKE DEMARCHE TO SECRETARIAT, EXPRESSING GROUP'S  
UNHAPPINESS, SEEKING POSTPONEMENT AND/OR LIMITATION OF  
AGENDA TOPICS, BUT WITHOUT POSING THREAT OF BOYCOTT.  
ASSUME DEPT SUPPORTS STRONG EFFORT TO HAVE MEETING

POSTPONED.

2. GROUP B DECIDED TO FORM WORKING GROUP ON ECDC, INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES AND PROGRAM BUDGET TO BE HEADED BY ALLEN OF US MISSION. WHILE FORMAL DECISION WOULD BE MADE LATER, CLEAR IMPLICATION IS THAT ALLEN WOULD ALSO SERVE AS GROUP B COORINATOR FOR ECDC MEETING. NUCLEUS OF GROUP TO BE DELEGATES FROM COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN WORKING GROUP ON PROGRAM BUDGET. FIRST MEETING GROUP B WORKING GROUP EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE EARLY NEXT WEEK.

3. WHILE DETAILED COMMENTS ON SECRETARIAT PROPOSALS WILL BE DEVELOPED FOLLOWING WORKING GROUP MEETING, FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE THAT UNCTAD SECRETARIAT HAS NOT MADE ANY SERIOUS EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN WHERE SIMILAR OR PARALLEL WORKING BEING CARRIED OUT, BUT HAS DEVELOPED A PROGRAM TO FURTHER EXPAND A BLOATED SECRETARIAT, INCREASE ITS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ROLE (PAID BY REGULAR BUDGET) AND EXPAND INFLUENCE OVER G-77. SINCE MAJORITY OF WORK SHOULD FALL WITHIN THE DIVISION OF MANUFACTURERS WHICH HAS NOT HAD MAJOR ROLE TO PLAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF NAIROBI DECISIONS, IT WOULD SEEM AT FIRST GLANCE THAT NEW RESOURCES CLAIMED AS REQUIRED ARE VASTLY EXAGGERATED.

4. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED TO SERVE AS GUIDANCE IN GROUP B WORKING GROUP MEETINGS. CATTO

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